Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Twenty-one millions of *paras*.

(2) 33·6 millions of *paras*.

(3) For about seven months.

(4) There has been no appreciable increase.

(5) Steps are being taken to increase the area of cultivation and encourage intensive cultivation by improved methods and better manuring. Agricultural loans are also being granted liberally by way of financial help.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What are the steps which are taken to increase the area of cutlivation?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The Revenue Department by itself does not take very serious steps in the matter excepting the grant of agricultural loans. There is another matter in which the Revenue Department is engaged, i. e, in allowing areas which are not under cultivation—assigning lands for the purpose of cultivation. That will increase the area of cultivation. Agricultural loans are freely given. Other methods are followed by the Agricultural Department for increasing the yield.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether any loans have been given for purposes of improving the newly assigned lands?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I cannot say now. I must find out by looking into the various applications for agricultural loans whether they are for improving the old lands or new ones.

Trichur Munsiff's Court.

187. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention has been called by the Chief Court regarding the inconvenience felt by the Munsiff's Court of Trichur and the litigant public by the retaining of the latrine in its present site in the District Court compound; and if so, with what result;

(2) whether the Health Officer had been consulted in putting another latrine contiguous to the one to which objection has been taken?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes, by the Chief Court. The latrine has been repaired and arrangements made by the Municipality to clean the same twice a day.

(2) No.

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